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 : AND METHOD FOR MANUFACTURING
 : THE SAME

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RESPONSE

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This is submitted in response to the Official Action dated November 2, 2006.

The Applicants note with appreciation the withdrawal of the rejection of Claim 4 under 35 U.S.C. §112.

Claims 1, 2, 4 and 5 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 over the combination of Veiga with JP '740. The Applicants respectfully submit that the hypothetical combination fails to teach or suggest the subject matter of those claims. Reasons are set forth below.

The Applicants respectfully submit that JP '740 fails to disclose, teach or suggest the claimed process and, therefore, inherently fails to disclose, teach or suggest the claimed number of entanglements in the base fabric as being at most 3/m. In particular, JP '740 does not disclose, teach or suggest the affirmative removal of entanglements at the time of/slightly prior to weaving the base fabric.

JP '740 does not have any appreciation for that step and, therefore, inherently fails to disclose, teach or suggest it. The Applicants carefully scrutinized the JP '740 disclosure and can find no reference at all to the thought of, much less the teachings or suggestions of removing entanglements or how to